

REMARKS

Claims 42-49 and 57-60 are in the application, with Claims 42, 45, 47 and 57 having been amended, with Claims 1-41 and 50-56 having been cancelled, and with Claims 58-60 having been added. Claims 42, 45, 57 and 58 are the independent claims herein. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

It is noted with appreciation that claims 42-46 and 57 were found to recite allowable subject matter, although objected to on formal grounds. Claims 42, 45 and 57 have now been rewritten in independent form, without any change in scope. It is therefore believed that claims 42, 45 and 57, and associated dependent claims 43, 44 and 46, are in condition for allowance. Moreover, rejected claims 47-49 are now directly or indirectly dependent on allowable claim 42 and are also therefore believed to be allowable.


Of the new claims 58-60, only claim 58 is in independent form. Claim 58 is an apparatus claim which recites an underfill having the some composition limitations which are believed to support the allowability of claim 42. It is therefore believed that claim 58, and its dependent claims 59 and 60, are also in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-3460.

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